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7. The erection of barbed wire entanglements and other obstacles in the As -
Cheb area was begun in January 1952. Live electric wire was strung between the
barbed wire in March 1952. The laying of minefields began in April 1952. The
mines are mostly of a type which explodes when the tripwire is subjected to
a pull of as much as three kg. They are mostly of a new Czechoslovak type, in the
shape of an artillery shell and with a lethal range of 150 meters. The men in
the units were forbidden to go closer to the minefields than 200 meters
and each one had to sign a declaration that he knew he was forbidden
to approach the mined area. Nevertheless, when a hare or deer detonated a
mine the PS men were ordered by the Company CO to bring out the animal.
8. The PS is to be reinforced with units of tanks, artillery, anti-tank weapons
and anti-aircraft artillery.
9. Cavalry training started with all PS companies in August 1952. At the beginning
of that month two men from the 10th Company were sent to riding school at As
and later at Cheb. 25X1
10. The number of Slovaks in PS units is constantly decreasing. In the last
batch of PS recruits the number of Slovaks was one-half that of last year.
[redacted] this is the deliberate policy of the Ministry of National
Defense. [redacted] 25X1
11. Goethestein is an isolated house which was formerly used as an inn and is located
between Hazlov (M51/Pl7) and Novy Zdar. A small tower, about three m. high,
was erected above the inn and is used as an observation post. No radar or other
equipment or instruments were observed in this area.

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